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Dear Sir/Madam:

Election and Submission of IDS

This response is in reply to the restriction requirement that was mailed on February 16, 2007. The applicant elects group 1 with traverse. Attached are claims pursuant to this election:

Claims 1-24, 30, and 31 are pending;
Claims 25 - 28 are presently withdrawn; and
Claim 29 was previously cancelled.

Applicant submits the enclosed information disclosure statement that is being filed prior to receiving a first office action on the merits – the office action mailed on February 16, 2007 was a restriction requirement and not an office action on the merits. Accordingly, it is applicant's opinion that the examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office should consider these references in determining the patentability of this application.

Applicant is submitting this disclosure of U.S. references (copies not attached in accordance with USPTO's new rules), international patents (provided at this time), a journal article and international search reports in compliance with its requirement under rule 1.56. If Applicant becomes aware of other relevant references that are not cumulative of the submitted references, Applicant will submit them.

Respectfully submitted,

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